



Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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To: Senator Louis J. Luchini, Senate Chair
Representative Chris Caiazzo, House Chair
And members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

From: Patti Dubois, Chairperson, Legislative Policy Committee Maine
Town and City Clerks' Association
City Clerk, City of Waterville

Re: LD 1126 – An Act to Update the Voter Registration Process

Position: SUPPORT

The Maine Town and City Clerks' Association support LD 1126 and we thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Municipal clerks are concerned about the possible lack of a signature for use in administering voter registration and election procedures with voters who register and don't have a signature on file through a state agency. Clerks routinely refer to the voter's signature when verifying petition signatures, when determining if the correct voter's data is being updated, and when comparing signatures on absentee ballot applications and return envelopes.

This bill refers to a third-party organization being used to submit voter registration applications, to which clerks would prefer clarification.

Finally, there is no requirement for clerks to print out the electronic submission in order to maintain a paper file of voter registration applications. Clerks often refer to the paper file and would prefer to maintain this file as a back up to CVR records.

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association appreciates the opportunity to share its testimony with the Committee. Should any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at 680-4210 or by email: pdubois@waterville-me.gov.